

and human health. Dr. Roberts has utilized her expertise in food safety to assist producers, packers and processors in implementing new technologies designed to minimize food contamination, ensuring the highest quality and safest food products for consumers.

In 1996, recognizing that natural resource management was critical for Florida agriculture's long term viability, Dr. Roberts advocated the creation of the Office of Agricultural Water Policy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Today it remains the only water policy office housed within a State department of agriculture. She also spearheaded the formation of the Suwannee River Basin Nutrient Management Working Group, a 26-member public-private partnership formed to assess nutrient loadings to the Suwannee River Watershed and effect reductions via voluntary, incentive-based programs. This innovative approach has resulted in dramatic environmental benefits to the watershed as a whole. Dr. Roberts was instrumental in the establishment of the Commissioner of Agriculture's Ag-Environmental Leadership Awards Program. This program, now in its ninth year, annually recognizes those Florida growers and ranchers who employ innovative management practices designed to optimize the protection of wildlife, effectively manage pesticides and nutrients, protect water quality, and conserve soil and water.

Dr. Roberts has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations for her efforts. In 2003, she received Florida's agriculture industry's highest honor when she was inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame. Dr. Roberts has been a strong advocate of using a common sense approach when implementing a regulatory program. She helped win passage of Florida's country of origin labeling law in 1979 and worked to see this law become a Federal reality in 2002. For her many years of service ensuring the food Americans eat is safe, abundant and affordable, I am proud to acknowledge the work of Dr. Martha Rhodes Roberts.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message for the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1610. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the "Walt Disney Post Office Building";

H.R. 1882. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office";

H.R. 1883. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office";

H.R. 2075. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building";

H.R. 2254. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building";

H.R. 2309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Signal Hill, California, as the "Stephen Horn Post Office Building";

H.R. 2328. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building";

H.R. 2396. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office";

H.R. 2452. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building";

H.R. 2533. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 2746. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 3011. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building".

The enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, October 31, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1805. A bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4948. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Sault Saint Marie, MI" (MB Doc. No. 02-83) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4949. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Conway, SC" (MB Doc. No. 03-110) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4950. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b) and 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, DTV and TV Broadcast Stations, Pittsburgh, PA" (MM Doc. No. 01-276) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4951. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b) and 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV and TV Broadcast Stations, Asheville, NC and Greenville, SC" (MB Doc. No. 02-363) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4952. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Farmington, Grass Valley, Jackson, Lindon, Placerville, and Fair Oaks, CA, and Carson City and Sun Valley, NV)" (MM Doc. No. 90-189) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4953. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Macon, Mississippi" (MM Doc. No. 01-38) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.